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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

{ REPORT  
{ No. 281.

*U. S. Congress. House. Committee on Revolutionary Claims.*

DR. WILLIAM RICKMAN—HEIRS OF.

APRIL 17, 1858.

Mr. CURRY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

## REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Dr. William Rickman, asking for commutation pay, report:*

That in relation to the claim, it appears from a letter from the Treasury Department that Dr. Rickman was not returned as being entitled to compensation, and that, on the 20th of October, 1780, Congress ordered that Dr. Rickman, in pursuance of his former request, be left out in the new arrangement of the hospital department.

It further appears that, in 1783, application was made *by the widow* of Dr. Rickman to the legislature of Virginia for depreciation pay and bounty land, and the report to the house of delegates assumed that Dr. Rickman *had resigned*. This contemporaneous construction of Dr. Rickman's act and intention, sustained by the letter from the Treasury Department, brings the committee to the conclusion that Dr. Rickman resigned his position in the army; and his representatives are, therefore, not entitled to commutation pay.

Two adverse reports have been previously made on this application, and the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the heirs of Dr. William Rickman be rejected.

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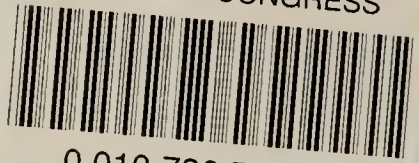
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